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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF AUDITORS FOR NATO

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REFS: A. DPC/D(73)18

B. MBC-R(73)26, PARA 14

1. REF A IS A REPORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF AUDITORS ON THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF FOR YEARS 1968 THROUGH 1971-14 NATION FUNDING. REPORT STATES THAT UNLESS OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED WITHIN SIX WEEKS OF 13 JULY 1973 (DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED ONLY ON 7 AUGUST), IT WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT THE DPC HAS NOTED THE REPORT AND APPROVED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTS OF THESE HEADQUARTERS AND AGENCIES.

2. ALTHOUGH THE REPORT NOTES SOME RATHER SERIOUS ANOMALIES IN THE FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING OF THE IMS IN THE 1968-1970 PERIOD, DISCUSSION IN REF B INDICATES THAT REASON WAS MOVE OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FROM WASHINGTON TO BRUSSELS ALONG WITH NATO'S MOVE FROM PARIS TO BRUSSELS, AND THE LOSS OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL WHICH LED TO DEFICIENCIES PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN THE CIVIL BUDGET AREA. WITHIN THE PRESENT REPORT IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTED THAT MOST OF THESE DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED IN 1971 AND THE NATO FINANCIAL CONTROLLER HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO CORRECTION OF THE REMAINDER. IN REF B, THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATES THAT IN THE FUTURE THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE

THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXAMINING THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTS PRIOR TO
ITS EXAMINATION OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
IN VIEW OF PROGRESS MADE TO DATE AND COMMITMENTS BY
THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER, MISSION INTENDS TO APPROVE THE REPORT
UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED BY AUGUST
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